

Annual National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, NAIA, Football National Championship.

Marian University established its football program in 2006 and has committed itself to competing at the highest level both academically and athletically. In 2012, the Knights won the 57th Annual NAIA National Championship. In 2014, despite ultimately losing the title game, the Knights played with grit in determination in the 59th Annual NAIA National Championship. In December of 2015, the Knights won the 60th Annual NAIA National Championship against Southern Oregon 31–14.

Under the guidance of head coach Mark Henninger since 2013, the football team has become increasingly engaged in community outreach and service activities. As a team, they participate in community improvement efforts like Indy DO Day and form active relationships with local grade schools. Through the Team Impact program, the football team was able to form a powerful relationship with young fan Cole Winnefeld as he fought a courageous battle against neuroblastoma.

Congratulations to Head Coach Henninger, the NAIA Coach of the Year, the entire coaching staff, athletic director Steve Downing, and all of the student-athletes on winning the 60th Annual NAIA Football National Championship on December 19, 2015. In addition, congratulations to university president Daniel J. Elsener, executive vice president and provost Thomas J. Enneking, the Marian University student body, and alumni. On behalf of the citizens of Indiana, I congratulate the Marian University Knights on their successful football program, and I wish them continued success in the future.●

CONGRATULATING THE MARIAN UNIVERSITY CYCLING KNIGHTS

● Mr. DONNELLY. Mr. President, today, I applaud the Marian University Knights on earning USA Cycling's No. 1 collegiate cycling team ranking for the 2014–2015 season, as well as winning the 2015–2016 USA Cycling Collegiate Division I Track, Cyclo-cross, and BMX National Championships.

Marian University established its cycling program in 1992. The program is committed to competing at the highest level and developing strong character in each team member through academic and athletic excellence. Since the inception of its competitive cycling program, the Marian University Knights have won 33 national championship titles in road, cyclo-cross, track, and BMX cycling.

Head Coach Dean Peterson and his staff promote the University's goals by bringing team-focused concepts to a sport that traditionally emphasizes the individual. Peterson leads the team with a school-first philosophy, reminding student-athletes that they are students first and that being a responsible citizen and community member is as important as being a top-notch cyclist.

It is this philosophy that serves as the cornerstone for the cycling team's three straight—2013, 2014, 2015—USA Cycling Club of the Year awards, which evaluates not only on-bike performance, but team GPA, retention, postgraduation success, and community engagement. The Marian University Cycling Team is also giving back to the local and national cycling community, as well as the Indianapolis area, by hosting informal riding clinics, cycling for charity, and participating in campus volunteer opportunities.

Congratulations to Head Coach Peterson, director of cycling operations Michael Kubancsek, athletic director Steve Downing, and all the student-cyclists and assistant coaches on winning the USA Cycling Collegiate Division I 2014–2015 Team Omnium and national championship titles in track, cyclo-cross, and BMX in the 2015–2016 collegiate season. And congratulations to university president Daniel J. Elsener, executive vice president and provost Thomas J. Enneking, the Marian University student body, and alumni. On behalf of the citizens of Indiana, I congratulate the Marian University Knights on the triumph of their competitive cycling program, and I wish them continued success in the future.●

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

● Ms. HEITKAMP. Mr. President, I am proud to recognize and congratulate the University of North Dakota, UND, men's hockey team for winning the 2016 National Collegiate Athletic Association, NCAA, Frozen Four Division I Men's Hockey National Championship. I was proud to join my colleague from North Dakota, Senator JOHN HOEVEN, in sponsoring an adopted resolution honoring the hard work of the men's hockey team and commending UND students, fans, and alumni for their tremendous support throughout the 2015–16 season.

On April 9, 2016, the UND men's hockey team won the men's hockey national championship game held in Tampa, FL, defeating the Quinnipiac University Bobcats of Connecticut by a score of 5-to-1. The hockey team, under the leadership of athletic director Brian Faison and Coach Brad Berry, had an incredible season with a record of 34–6–4, which culminated in UND winning its eighth Division I men's hockey national championship.

Coach Berry also became the first head coach to win a Division I men's hockey national championship in a head coach's inaugural season. Coach Berry and his staff have instilled character and perseverance in the UND players and have done an outstanding job with the UND hockey program. Under the university's leadership, UND has worked to support and further both academic and athletic excellence, so students have the opportunity to excel in the classroom as well as in sports.

I am excited that thousands of UND fans attended the championship game to support the Fighting Hawks, reflecting the tremendous fan base of the University of North Dakota and highlighting the spirit and dedication of UND hockey fans. The enthusiasm and steadfast support of the fans has helped propel the team's success. Year after year, the UND men's hockey team has provided the Nation a glimpse of North Dakota values: playing honestly with heart, determination, and sportsmanship. This year, Coach Berry and his team of hard-working young men strengthened UND's proud legacy of dedication and respect for the game.

The 2016 NCAA Frozen Four Division I Men's Hockey National Championship was a victory not only for the UND men's hockey team, but for the entire State of North Dakota. As UND looks to the future, I look forward to seeing the Fighting Hawks hockey program build on this moment of excellence to strengthen the school's already proud legacy. Congratulations again to all involved who made this national championship possible, and thank you for your hard work and service to the University of North Dakota and our great State.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. RON ARYEL

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Dr. Ron Aryel, pediatrician, biosurveillance expert, and founder of Reno Center for Child and Adolescent Health. The advanced health care this facility provides to our citizens is invaluable to northern Nevada, bringing an improved quality of life to children who are disabled or chronically ill and, in turn, the lives of their parents as well.

Dr. Aryel founded Reno Center for Child and Adolescent Health in January of 2010. Prior to that, he served as a pediatrician and disaster response officer for the Public Health Service, treating patients in a variety of settings, including private offices, emergency rooms, psychiatric treatment centers, homes, field hospitals, and at the rear of utility vehicles in national emergency situations. During the 1999 North Atlantic Treaty Organization Summit, he served on a team that included a disaster response unit and the U.S. Marine Corps Chemical Biological Incidence Response Force Unit, protecting the U.S. President from radiological chemical and biological threats. In addition, he has volunteered as a clinical supervisor at the University of Nevada, Reno Student Outreach Clinic and served on the board of directors for Project Restart in Reno.

Dr. Aryel has received a number of accolades, including the 2008 Good Neighbor Award from Kansas City, MO, Reno Center for Child and Adolescent Health and was also recognized with a Silver Syringe Award for its significantly high vaccination rates. Dr. Aryel's unwavering dedication to bringing first-class medical care to